

REMARKS

The office action of August 27, 2009, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the disclosure and claims 5-10 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Feldmann et al.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the specification, applicant has amended the specification to delete reference to claim numbers.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the specification is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's objection to and rejections of the

claims, applicant has amended claims 1-6 and 9.

Applicant has amended claim 5 to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 5-10 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the methods and constructions disclosed in the reference.

Turning now to the reference, it can be seen that the patent

to Feldmann et al. discloses a roll stand with noncylindrical rolls. Feldmann et al. do not disclose a method and brush construction as recited in the claims presently on file. The elements 52', 53' referred to by the Examiner as roll cleaning brushes are not brushes at all, but instead are backing rolls. For this reason alone Feldmann et al. do not disclose the present invention. However, Feldmann et al. also do not disclose a brush covering made of wires as recited in amended claim 1.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.



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